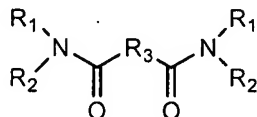


**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 and ending at line 20 as follows:

- (1) An extractant for palladium comprising a sulfur-containing diamide compound represented by the following structural formula (1):

(1)



wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> each represent a group selected from:

a chain hydrocarbon group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms which may be branched,

an alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and

an aromatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 14 carbon atom; and

R<sub>3</sub> represents a group represented by  $\{(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_m\}_L$  wherein n, m and L each represent an integer of from 1 to 4.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 18 and ending at line 22 as follows:

Cases of Comparative Example (di-n-hexyl sulfide (DHS), Example 1 (N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-thiodiglycolamide (1)), Example 2 (N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-3,3'-thiodipropionamide (2)), and Example 3 (~~N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-3,6'-dithiaoctanedi-  
amides~~ N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-diphenyl-3,6-dithiaoctanedi-  
amides (3))).